

## media release

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## Children Celebrate at COSI on Children's Day

Many of us remember special family outings from our childhoods – like trips to amusement parks, the zoo and camping. These wonderful childhood memories relate to happy times spent together with family. Franklin County Children Services is holding a fun event for all of the community's children, in addition to foster children and other children under agency care.

In honor of children and their smiling faces Children Services will host a special Children's Day celebration at COSI Columbus. During this special day children will get in free to COSI thanks to donations from local businesses. Fliers for free children's admission to COSI are required and are available at all participating Central Ohio Kroger and White Castle stores.

The Children's Day celebration will be held on Sunday, September 21, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at COSI Columbus, 333 W. Broad St. The agency has teamed up with COSI, Kroger, and Nationwide to offer this fun family activity. With the help of media sponsor 92.3 WCOL many families will learn about Children's Day. Children up to age 18, who are accompanied by a paying adult and have a Children's Day flier will be able to attend COSI free on this day. Fliers for free children's admission to COSI are required and are available at all participating Central Ohio Kroger stores.

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Children Services is dedicated to building happy memories for the abused, neglected and dependent children under agency care. So on this special day many children, including foster children and others under the care of Children Services, who typically would not have the opportunity to visit COSI will be able to explore and discover COSI's hands-on educational exhibits. There will be performances by local entertainers including Arnett Howard, Ray Pauken and Celeste Friedman. In addition, youths from Franklin County Children Services' Therapeutic Arts Program will perform. There will be balloon sculptures, drawings for prizes, and appearances by Central Ohio's favorite mascots.

Each year Children Services provides help to more than 28,000 children in need. The agency sees many youths who have grown up with too little adult guidance and too few positive experiences. It is the goal of Franklin County Children Services to create fun and happy experiences and memories for all children. As an agency that looks out for the well being of children, Children Services is proud to celebrate with children on their own special day – Children's Day.

Franklin County Children Services is the agency mandated by Ohio law to provide protection and care to children in need. Services are provided to strengthen family life to enable children to remain safe in their own homes. For more information about Franklin County Children Services go to www.franklincountyohio.gov/children services.

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